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II. AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Listing of Claims with Status Identified

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

1. (presently amended) A urine specimen cup toxicology indicator cap, comprising:

a toxicology indicator cap having attachment means for attachment to a specimen cup and to provide a fluid tight cover for the specimen cup, and further having a transparent top surface and a bottom surface defining a test cavity therebetween, said bottom surface having an aperture placing said test cavity into fluid communication with fluid contained within the specimen cup, said test cavity including at least one channel for holding at least one reagent test strip;

at least one reagent test strip positioned within each of said channels in said test cavity, each of said reagent test strips having a first end, a reading zone for test color development, and a second end; and

a strip absorbent pad disposed in said test cavity and generally filling the aperture in said bottom surface, said strip absorbent pad providing fluid communication to said first end of said reagent test strips, wherein said strip absorbent pad controls the introduction of fluid from said specimen cup into said test cavity when the specimen cup is inverted and the contained fluid contacts said strip absorbent pad and when so contacted said strip absorbent pad provides wicking of fluid in a controlled manner into said test cavity and onto said first end of said at least one reagent test strip, and wherein after said apparatus receives a fluid sample in said test cavity, reactions in said reading zone of said reagent strips may be observed through said transparent top surface.

2. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said transparent top surface includes a

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label having at least one cut out area positioned for viewing and photocopying said color development areas on said reagent test strips.

3. (original) The apparatus of claim 2, wherein said label includes instructions for use, and a chart defining positive, negative and invalid test reactions.
4. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said transparent top surface is formed by an over cap.
5. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said channels for holding reagent test strips are integral with said bottom surface.
6. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said channels in said test cavity are aligned in a generally parallel manner.
7. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said channels in said test cavity are positioned in a radial manner.
8. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said reagent test strips are in further contact on said first end with absorbent strips which enable a fluid sample to wick onto said reagent test strips.
9. (original) The absorbent strips of claim 8, wherein said absorbent strips are in contact with a glass fiber strip.

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10. (original) The glass fiber strip of claim 9, wherein said glass fiber strip is in contact with a thick absorbent material.

11. (original) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said strip absorbent pad is in contact with a plurality of layers of further absorbent material to prevent the introduction of an excess of said fluid into said test cavity.

12-13 (canceled)

14. (new) A method of introducing a fluid sample in a controlled manner onto reagent test strips contained within a toxicology indicator cap, comprising the steps of:

(a) providing a toxicology indicator cap having attachment means for attachment to a specimen cup and to provide a fluid tight cover for the specimen cup, and further having a transparent top surface and a bottom surface defining a test cavity therebetween, the bottom surface having an aperture placing the test cavity into fluid communication with fluid contained within the specimen cup, and the test cavity including at least one channel for holding at least one reagent test strip;

(b) positioning at least one reagent test strip within each of the channels in the test cavity, each reagent test strip having a first end, a reading zone for test color development, and a second end;

(c) placing a strip absorbent pad in the test cavity which substantially fills the aperture in the bottom surface of the toxicology indicator cap, wherein the strip absorbent pad is disposed between the specimen cup and the first ends of reagent test strips and thereby controls the introduction of fluid from the specimen cup into the test cavity when the specimen cup is inverted and provides wicking of fluid in a controlled manner into the test cavity contained

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within the toxicology indicator cap;

(d) collecting a fluid specimen in the specimen cup and attaching the toxicology indicator cap to the specimen cup in a substantially fluid tight manner;

(e) inverting the specimen cup to expose the fluid specimen to the aperture in the bottom surface of the toxicology indicator cap;

and

(f) returning the specimen cup to an upright position to allow the fluid to wick into the strip absorbent pad in contact with the aperture in the bottom of the toxicology indicator cap, thus exposing the reagent test strips in contact with the strip absorbent pad to the fluid.